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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY. RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT CHAIRMAN ALEXIS KANYARENGWE CALLED ON AMBASSADOR CARSON JUNE 14. KANYARENGWE SAID THE RPF STILL HOPES THAT A GOVERNMENT CAN BE FORMED ON THE BASIS OF THE ARUSHA ACCORDS, BUT THAT IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO WORK WITH A PARTY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO HAVE BEEN

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RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MASSACRES. THE RPF SUPPORTS A CEASEFIRE BUT STILL INSISTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT MILITIAS FIRST STOP THE KILLINGS. THE RPF SUPPORTS THE UNITED NATIONS FORCES FOR HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES BUT NOT AN INTERPOSITION FORCE. THE RPF WOULD PREFER TO SEE FEWER U.N. TROOPS, PERHAPS 2,500 -- WITH FEWER FUNDS FOR TROOPS AND MORE FOR RELIEF ASSISTANCE. AMBASSADOR CARSON URGED THE RPF CHAIRMAN TO WORK TOWARD AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE AS A FIRST STEP TOWARD THE RESTORATION OF PEACE AND STABILITY IN WHICH HUMANITARIAN WORK CAN BE CARRIED OUT SAFELY. END SUMMARY.

3. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT PHONED THE EMBASSY ON JUNE 15 IN THE AFTERNOON TO REQUEST A MEETING FOR THEIR CHAIRMAN WITH THE AMBASSADOR. THE AMBASSADOR MET WITH ALEXIS KANYARENGWE AND TWO RPF REPRESENTATIVES AT THE RESIDENCE THAT EVENING. POLOFF SAT IN ON THE MEETING.

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4. KANYARENGWE BEGAN BY NOTING THAT THE LAST TIME HE HAD BEEN AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE WAS THE FIRST WEEK IN APRIL, PRE-APRIL 6, TO MEET ASSISTANT SECRETARY GEORGE MOOSE. ALL THAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE THEN IS BEYOND BELIEF, HE SAID. THE RPF IS CONTINUING NEGOTIATIONS WITH MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT FORCES, BUT REFUSES TO MEET WITH THE "ILLEGITIMATE" INTERIM GOVERNMENT. KANYARENGWE ASSERTED THAT THE "SO-CALLED GOVERNMENT" CONSISTS OF MANY OF THE PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR PREVENTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARUSHA ACCORDS, POSSIBLY FOR THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA, AND CERTAINLY FOR THE KILLINGS OF MODERATE POLITICIANS AND THE MASSCRES THAT HAVE FOLLOWED THE APRIL 6 PLANE CRASH. THE MASSACRES CONTINUE, KANYARENGWE STATED, AS DOES THE NEGATIVE RADIO PROPAGANDA INCITING THE YOUTH TO VIOLENCE, EVEN OFFERING THEM DRUGS AT BROADCAST PICK-UP POINTS.

5. THE RPF STILL BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT SOMETHING CAN COME OF NEGOTIATIONS, WITH SOME RESURRECTION OF THE ARUSHA ACCORDS. THE PROBLEM WILL BE WORKING WITH THE MRND, THE GROUP MOST INVOLVED IN THE KILLINGS. WITH INTERNATIONAL INQUIRIES OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR

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THE KILLINGS, KANYARENGWE SAID, THE RPF MAY BE ABLE TO WORK WITH MRND MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT IMPLICATED IN THE MASSACRES.

6. KANYARENGWE STATED THAT THE RPF SUPPORTS ENLARGEMENT OF THE U.N. FORCE FOR HUMANITARIAN WORK, AS LONG AS IT IS NOT A FORCE OF INTERPOSITION. THE
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RPF FEELS THE PROJECTED NUMBERS FOR THE U.N. FORCE ARE TOO LARGE. HE SUGGESTED THAT A FORCE OF 2,500 WOULD BE ADEQUATE, AND THAT THE MONEY SAVED COULD BE USED IN THE RELIEF EFFORTS. THE U.N. FORCE WILL HAVE THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE RPF IN ITS AREA. KANYARENGWE THANKED THE AMBASSADOR FOR THE U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE U.N. FORCE, AS WELL AS U.S. RELIEF EFFORTS. HE ADDED THAT THE NEEDS IN RWANDA ARE VERY GREAT AND THE RPF WOULD WELCOME MORE AMERICAN NGO'S TO CONDUCT RELIEF WORK, ESPECIALLY FOR ORPHANS.

7. KANYARENGWE EXPRESSED HIS GRIEF AT THE SYSTEMATIC KILLINGS AND ATTEMPTS TO EXTERMINATE "ONE ETHNIC GROUP," AND ASKED FOR U.S. HELP IN BRINGING THE PERPETRATORS TO JUSTICE. (COMMENT. KANYARENGWE IS A HUTU. HIS TWO AIDES ON THIS VISIT APPEARED TO BE TUTSI. END
COMMENT.)

8. THE AMBASSADOR RESPONDED THAT WE HAVE MAINTAINED AN OPEN DIALOGUE WITH THE RPF AND HAVE TRIED TO UNDERSTAND THEIR VIEWS. WE ARE DEEPLY GRIEVED BY THE

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ENORMOUS AND SENSELESS LOSS OF LIFE IN RWANDA, HE SAID. U.S. POLICY IS FOCUSED ON A RETURN TO PEACE AND STABILITY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN RWANDA, AND WE BELIEVE AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE IS THE BEST FIRST STEP TOWARD THAT END. THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO HEAR THAT THE RPF IS CONTINUING NEGOTIATIONS FOR A CEASEFIRE AND FOR A BROAD-BASED GOVERNMENT. THE U.S. SUPPORTED THE U.N. AND UNHRC RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF THE VIOLENCE IN RWANDA AND FOR

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BRINGING TO JUSTICE THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR CRIMES AGAINST RWANDANS AND AGAINST HUMANITY. THE AMBASSADOR STATED THAT THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA SHOULD INCLUDE AS BROAD A REPRESENTATION OF ALL POLITICAL VIEWS AS POSSIBLE, NOT THE KILLERS, BUT THE PEOPLE FROM ALL PARTIES WHO HAVE NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN THE VIOLENCE.

9. KANYARENGWE STATED THAT A CEASEFIRE IS POSSIBLE IF THE MASSACRES STOP, THE RADIO BROADCASTS INCITING THE YOUTH TO TAKE UP PANGAS AND KILL PEOPLE ARE STOPPED, AND INVESTIGATIONS ARE BEGUN TO FIND THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE KILLINGS. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THE MILITIAS WILL NOT ACCEPT THOSE CONDITIONS. KANYARENGWE REPLIED THAT IF THAT IS THE CASE, THE RPF WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO TAKE OVER THE WHOLE COUNTRY. HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT FORCES HAVE RESORTED TO USING CIVILIANS IN THE FRONT LINES BETWEEN THE TWO ARMIES. THE GOVERNMENT

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RESISTANCE HAS BEEN WEAK, HE SAID, BUT HE WOULD NOT SPECULATE ON HOW LONG THEY MIGHT HOLD OUT.

10. THE AMBASSADOR CLOSED THE MEETING BY RE-EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF A CEASEFIRE FOR BEGINNING THE PROCESS OF RECONCILIATION AND FOR ALLOWING THE HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS TO HELP THE PEOPLE IN NEED. KANYARENGWE REPLIED THAT A CEASEFIRE IS A PRIORITY FOR THE RPF MILITARY COMMANDERS WHO ARE NEGOTIATING, BUT A CEASEFIRE MUST GO HAND-IN-HAND WITH AN END TO THE KILLINGS.

11. AMBASSADOR CARSON DEPARTED POST BEFORE THIS CABLE WAS DRAFTED.

12. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. SHIPPY

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